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SUBJECT: TANGOV OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON RHODESIAN SITUATION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLOFF AND VISITING TANZANIAN DESK
OFFICER RICHARD CASTRODALE ON JUNE 19, FONOFF EUROPE AND
AMERICAS DIRECTOR BERNARD MUGANDA EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREE-
MENT WITH WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD WHERE IVOR RICHARD'S NEW PROPOSALS
FOR A RHODESIAN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, THOUGH HE SAID BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE HAS REFUSED PROVIDE TANGOV WITH TEXT
OF PROPOSALS UNTIL JANUARY 20, AFTER RICHARD'S MEETINGS WITH
VORSTER AND SMITH.

2. THERE ARE ONLY "RELATIVELY MINOR" AREAS WHERE TANGOV HAS
PROBLEMS WITH BRITISH PROPOSALS, MUGANDA SAID. FIRST IS
INTEGRATION OF ZIPA ARMY WITH REGULAR RHODESIAN ARMY;

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TANGOV BELIEVES IT IS NECESSARY THAT DETAILED PLANS BE MADE
FOR THIS, AMONG OTHER THINGS TO ENSURE THAT ZIPA SOLDIERS ARE
NOT EXCLUDED OR WEEDED OUT ON PRETEXT OF THEIR INADEQUATE EDUCA-
TION. HE NOTED THAT RICHARD HAD SAID THAT THERE ARE THREE PARTS
OF REGULAR RHODESIAN ARMY: PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS WHO WILL OBEY
ANY LEGITIMATE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP; UNRECONSTRUCTED RACISTS WHO
WILL HAVE TO GO; AND MERCENARIES WHO WILL ALSO HAVE TO GO.

MUGANDA ADDED THAT THERE IS REALLY A FOURTH ELEMENT: THE ARMED WHITE RHODESIAN CIVILIAN POPULATION. SOMEHOW THESE GROUPS, EXCEPT FOR THE PROFESSIONALS, MUST BE DISARMED.

3. WITH REGARD TO FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS' RECOGNITION OF PATRIOTIC FRONT, MUGANDA SAID THAT THE REAL REASON FOR IT WAS THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ZIPA, WHOSE ZANU AND ZAPU ELEMENTS ARE CONTROLLED BY MUGABE AND NIOMO, BE A PARTY TO ANY AGREEMENT, BECAUSE ONLY IT CAN TURN OFF THE GUERRILLAS. THIS WAS MERELY RECOGNITION OF A HARD FACT. BUT TANGOV DIDN'T CARE WHETHER A FREE ZIMBABWE HAD A MULTIPARTY SYSTEM OR NOT, AND WAS CERTAINLY NOT OPPOSED TO CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS, OR IN A ZIMBABWE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TO HOLD ELECTIONS, AND IF MUZOREWA WON THEM TANGOV WOULD BE QUITE SATISFIED TO HAVE HIM LEAD A FREE ZIMBABWE.

4. HE NOTED THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS DEMANDING IMMEDIATE TURN-OVER OF "FULL CONTROL", AND SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT WHAT FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS HAD IN MIND. AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT BY DEFINITION HAS LIMITED POWERS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE BRITISH PLAN PROVIDES FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND "LAW AND ORDER" TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND A SPECIAL SECURITY COMMISSION COMPOSED OF THE COMMISSIONER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE GENEVA DELEGATIONS (PRESUMABLY SMITH, MUGABE, NKOMO, MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE), THE HEADS OF THE RHODESIAN ARMY, AIRFORCE AND POLICE, AND ONE WHITE MINISTER. (MUGANDA NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT THIS WOULD MEAN SIX WHITES AND FOUR BLACKS, AND THAT WHILE TANGOV WOULD GO ALONG WITH THIS, CRITICISM FROM
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UGANDA'S AMIN OR OTHERS MIGHT WELL BE FORTHCOMING.) BUT THESE SPECIAL POWERS WERE WHAT POSED TANZANIA'S SECOND PROBLEM WITH THE BRITISH PLAN: THERE WAS NEED FOR FURTHER DEFINING OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE RESPECTIVE AUTHORITY OF THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND THE BLACK PRIME MINISTER. IF TROUBLE WERE TO BREAK OUT SOMEWHERE, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SOME WAY OF DEALING WITH IT.

5. WITH THE BASICS OF THE BRITISH PLAN, INCLUDING A 30 MEMBER COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (20 BLACKS AND 10 WHITE, THE LATTER DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN RHODESIAN FRONT AND OTHER GROUPS), TANGOV HAD NO PROBLEMS, MUGANDA SAID.

6. COMMENT: MUGANDA IS WELL PLUGGED IN TO FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS, AND HAS ACCESS TO NYERERE'S VIEWS. WHILE HE IS A FAITHFUL SUPPORTER OF TANZANIAN POLICIES, WHEN EXPRESSING THEM TO AMERICANS HE TENDS TO PUT THEM IN AS ACCEPTABLE AS POSSIBLE A LIGHT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF US.
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